

Town of Carlisle Affordable Housing Trust Fund
Executive Session Minutes
December 14, 2015

Present: Karina Coombs; Chair; Carolyn Ing, Vice-Chair; Nathan Brown; E. Lyn Lemaire (left at 6:45 p.m.); Vanessa Moroney; Claude von Roesgen. **Absent:** John Gorecki; E. Lyn Lemaire.

Guests: Thomas Harrington, Town Counsel, Miyares & Harrington; Elizabeth DeMille Barnett, Housing Coordinator.

Executive Session - To consider the response to an Open Meeting Law Violation filed by E. Lyn Lemaire.

Nathan Brown made a motion to enter into Executive Session per M.G.L Ch. 30A, §§ 21 (a) (9) to consider the response to an Open Meeting Law Violation filed by E. Lyn Lemaire and to not return to open meeting. Vanessa Moroney seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Claude von Roesgen asked: why is the Affordable Housing Trust going into Executive Session necessary? Mr. Harrington replied that entering into Executive Session was being done in anticipation of litigation and as a response to Ms. Lemaire's AG Complaint. Mr. Harrington also clarified that when the matter was settled, the Executive Session Minutes would be made public. Ms. Coombs proceeded to conduct a roll call vote: Brown, aye; Coombs, aye; Ing, aye; Moroney, aye; von Roesgen, aye. All present aye, the motion passed. The CAHT entered into Executive Session at 6:55 p.m.

Ms. Coombs read Ms. Lemaire's December 4, 2015 Open Meeting Law Complaint to the Attorney General. Mr. Harrington answered questions about the complaint. He stressed that this was a serious matter with potential penalties of up to \$1000 per violation. He noted that Ms. Lemaire had had until October 9, 2015 to file a complaint to the Attorney General about the September 9, 2015 CAHT meeting. He explained that there was a limit of conditions for making such a complaint. Mr. Harrington's draft response to the Attorney General's Office was discussed. Consensus of the meeting was that it was important to file a timely response to the Attorney General's Office.

Mr. Brown made the motion to authorize Karina Coombs, Chair to conduct final review of the Open Meeting Law Complaint response. Carolyn Ing seconded the motion. Ing, aye; Moroney, aye; von Roesgen, aye; Coombs, aye; Brown, aye. All present aye, the motion passed.

Ms. Moroney made the motion that Thomas Harrington, Town Counsel, file the response to the Open Meeting Law Complaint in due course, but not after December 24, 2015. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. Coombs, aye; Moroney, aye; Ing, aye; Brown, aye; von Roesgen, aye. All present aye, the motion passed.

Ms. Moroney made a motion that the Affordable Housing Trust come out of Executive Session. Mr. von Roesgen seconded the motion. Coombs, aye; von Roesgen, aye; Ing, aye; Brown, aye; Moroney, aye. All present aye, the motion passed.

Mr. von Roesgen made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. All present aye, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Documents presented:

Draft Letter from Town Counsel, Thomas Harrington to Commonwealth of Massachusetts Attorney General's Office ***Re: Open Meeting Law Complaint***

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth DeMille Barnett, Housing Coordinator